The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1   1. (currently amended) A communication system including:
2   a communication network; ~~and~~
3   a plurality of terminal devices connectable to said communication
4   network for transmitting from a sender and receiving by a user an information
5   item through said communication network;
6   wherein said communication system includes a table which provides at
7   least one retrieval condition and for each said retrieval condition at least one
8   corresponding identifier for an image or sound file to be displayed, so as to
9   enable said terminal devices of said user to detect in said information item
10   from said sender said at least one retrieval condition and if the retrieval
11   condition is detected in said information item by said user's terminal device to
12   display said information item with said at least one corresponding identified
13   image or sound file, the corresponding image or sound file being distinct from
14   said information item,
15   a display, at a terminal device at a receiving user of said information
16   item, of said image or sound file when said receiving terminal device detects
17   said corresponding identifier in said information item,
18   means for obtaining necessary data from said table for said display of
19   said image or sound file, if said table includes said necessary data, and
20   means for obtaining said necessary data for said display of said image
21   or sound file, if said table does not include said necessary data, said table
22   instead including designating data which designates said necessary data.

1   2. (previously presented)   The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   3. (previously presented)   The communication system as claimed in claim 2,
2   wherein each said key object comprises at least one object selected from the
3   group consisting of key words and key marks.

1   4-5. (canceled)

1   6. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is editable.

1   7. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is transferable through said communication network.

1   8. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   9. (original)   The communication system as claimed in claim 8, wherein said
2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   10. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is stored in a memory of said terminal device.

1   11. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2   table is open on a server computer on said communication network, so as to
3   enable said terminal device to download said table from said server.

1   12. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,

2   wherein each of said terminal devices includes:

3   a first function block for performing said retrieval under said retrieval

4   condition with reference to said table; and

5   a second function block for displaying said information item with said

6   at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1   13. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim

2   12, wherein each of said terminal devices further includes:

3   a third function block for transmitting and receiving said table through

4   said communication network.

1   14. (currently amended) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,

2   wherein each of said terminal devices includes:

3   a processing unit; and

4   a memory accessible by said processing unit, and said memory storing

5   a computer program comprising:

6   means for performing said retrieval under said at least one retrieval

7   condition with reference to said table; and

8   means for displaying on said display said information item with said at

9   least one corresponding identified image or sound file, the corresponding

10   image or sound file being distinct from said information item.

1   15. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim

2   14, wherein said computer program further comprises means for transmitting

3   and receiving said table through said communication network.

1   16. (currently amended) A terminal device connectable to a communication

2   network, said terminal device comprising:

3   a processing unit;

4   a communication unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for

5   transmitting and receiving an information item;

6   a display unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for

7   displaying said information item;

8   an operation unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for

9   operating said terminal device; ~~and~~

10   a memory unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for storing a

11   table which provides at least one retrieval condition and for each said retrieval

12   condition at least one corresponding identified image or sound file, so as to

13   enable a said terminal device of a user to detect in an information item

14   transmitted from a said terminal device of a sender said at least one retrieval

15   condition and if the retrieval condition is detected to display said information

16   item with said at least one corresponding identified image or sound file, the

17   corresponding image or sound file being distinct from said information item<u>,</u>

18   <u>a display, on said display unit, of said image or sound file when said</u>

19   <u>receiving terminal device detects said corresponding identifier in said</u>

20   <u>information item,</u>

21   <u>means for obtaining necessary data from said table for said display of</u>

22   <u>said image or sound file, if said table includes said necessary data, and</u>

23   <u>means for obtaining said necessary data for said display of said image</u>

24   <u>or sound file, if said table does not include said necessary data, said table</u>

25   <u>instead including designating data which designates said necessary data.</u>

1   17. (previously presented)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,

2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   18. (previously presented)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 17,

2   wherein each said key object comprise at least one object selected from the

3   group consisting of key words and key marks.

1   19-20. (canceled)

1   21. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said table

2   is editable.

1   22. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said table

2   is transferable from said communication unit through said communication

3   network.

1   23. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,

2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   24. (original)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 23, wherein said

2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   25. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,

2   wherein said terminal device includes:

3   a first function block for performing said retrieval under said at least

4   one retrieval condition with reference to said table; and

5   a second function block for displaying said information item with said

6   at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1   26. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said
2   terminal device further includes:
3   a third function block for transmitting and receiving said table through
4   said communication network.

1   27. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,
2   wherein said memory stores a computer program comprising:
3   means for performing said retrieval under said at least one retrieval
4   condition with reference to said table; and
5   means for displaying said information item with said at least one
6   corresponding identified image or sound file.

1   28. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 27,
2   wherein said computer program further comprises means for transmitting and
3   receiving said table through said communication network.

1   29. (currently amended) A terminal device connectable to a communication
2   network, said terminal device including
3   means for detecting in an information item a retrieval condition, said
4   information item and said retrieval condition having been transmitted over
5   said communication network by a said terminal device of a sender to a said
6   terminal device of a user; ~~and~~
7   ~~means~~ a display unit for displaying said information item with at least
8   one image or sound file identified as corresponding to each said detected
9   retrieval condition, the image or sound file being distinct from said
10   information item,

11   a table which identifies ~~wherein~~ said retrieval condition and each said

12   identified image or sound file corresponding to said retrieval condition ~~is~~

13   ~~recorded in a table,~~

14   a display, on said display unit, of said image or sound file when said

15   detecting means detects said corresponding identifier in said information item,

16   means for obtaining necessary data from said table for said display of

17   said at least one image or sound file, if said table includes said necessary data,

18   and

19   means for obtaining said necessary data for display of said at least one

20   image or sound file, if said table does not include said necessary data, said

21   table instead including designating data which designates said necessary data.

1   30. (canceled)

1   31. (previously presented)   The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   32-33. (canceled)

1   34. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein said table is editable.

1   35. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein said table is transferable from a communication unit through said

3   communication network.

1   36. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,

2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   37. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 36, wherein said

2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   38. (currently amended) A method of displaying information, comprising the

2   steps of:

3   detecting in an information item a retrieval condition, said retrieval

4   condition having been inserted in said information item by a sender and said

5   information item having been transmitted over a communication network by

6   said sender to a user; ~~and~~

7   displaying said information item with at least one image or sound file

8   identified as corresponding to said detected retrieval condition, the image or

9   sound file being distinct from said information item,

10   wherein said retrieval condition and each said identified image or

11   sound file corresponding to said retrieval condition is recorded in a table and

12   said detecting is performed with reference to each of one or more retrieval

13   conditions in said table, said displaying being performed for each detected

14   retrieval condition<u>,</u>

15   <u>obtaining necessary data from said table for said displaying said image</u>

16   <u>or sound file with said information item, if said table includes said necessary</u>

17   <u>data, and</u>

18   <u>obtaining said necessary data for said displaying said image or sound</u>

19   <u>file with said information item, if said table does not include said necessary</u>

20   <u>data, said table instead including designating data which designates said</u>

21   <u>necessary data,</u>

22   wherein <u>said</u> sender and said user <u>are</u> each ~~being~~ capable of executing

23   said method.

1   39. (canceled)

1   40. (previously presented)   The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein each
2   retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   41. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 40, wherein each
2   said key object comprises at least one object selected from the group
3   consisting of key words and key marks.

1   42. (canceled)

1   43. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~42~~ 38, further
2   comprising the step of: reading out said necessary data in accordance with
3   said designating data before displaying said information item, if said table
4   does not include said necessary data.

1   44. (canceled)

1   45. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said
2   information item comprises an e-mail.

1   46. (previously presented)   The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein said
2   e-mail has at least an attached file.

1   47. (currently amended) A computer implemented ~~program~~ system for
2   displaying information, said computer ~~program~~ system comprising:
3   first computer code for detecting in an information item a retrieval
4   condition, said retrieval condition having been inserted in said information

5   item by a sender and said information item having been transmitted over a

6   communication network by said sender to a user; and

7   second computer code for displaying said information item with at

8   least one image or sound file identified as corresponding to said detected

9   retrieval condition, the image or sound file being distinct from said

10   information item,

11   wherein said retrieval condition and each said identified image or

12   sound file corresponding to said retrieval condition is recorded in a table and

13   said detecting is performed with reference to each of one or more retrieval

14   conditions in said table, said displaying being performed for each detected

15   retrieval condition, said sender and said user each being capable of executing

16   said method,

17   a terminal device for display of said image or sound file when said

18   second computer code detects said corresponding identifier in said

19   information item,

20   third computer code for obtaining necessary data from said table for

21   display on said terminal device of said image or sound file, if said table

22   includes said necessary data, and

23   fourth computer code for obtaining said necessary data for display on

24   said terminal device of said image or sound file, if said table does not include

25   said necessary data, said table instead including designating data which

26   designates said necessary data.

1   48. (canceled)

1   49. (previously presented)   The computer program as claimed in claim 47,

2   wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1   50. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 49,
2   wherein each said key object comprises at least one object selected from the
3   group consisting of key words and key marks.

1   51. (canceled)

1   52. (currently amended)   The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2   further comprising means for reading out said necessary data in accordance
3   with said designating data before displaying said information item, if said
4   table does not include said necessary data.

1   53. (canceled)

1   54. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2   wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1   55. (previously presented)   The computer program as claimed in claim 54,
2   wherein said e-mail has at least an attached file.